

Weekly Newsletter

10th July 2026

Message from the Head



Dear parents and carers,

Sports Funding Update

I am writing to let you know about some changes to the Government's Primary PE and Sport Premium funding and what this will mean for our school.

Over recent years, we have been fortunate to use this funding to provide a wide range of additional sporting opportunities and enrichment activities for our children, including girls' football, dodgeball, Bikeability, visiting sports workshops and other experiences that have enhanced our PE curriculum.

Unfortunately, the funding available to schools has been significantly reduced, meaning we can no longer fully subsidise these additional opportunities in the way we have previously.

We remain absolutely committed to providing a high-quality PE curriculum and ensuring children continue to benefit from a broad range of sporting and enrichment experiences. However, from the next academic year, some optional activities will need to be subsidised by parents if they wish their child to take part. These include:

- Girls' football club, Dodgeball and Bike ability
- Some additional curriculum enrichment workshops and sporting experiences

We appreciate that this may be disappointing news, but these changes will enable us to continue offering these valuable opportunities despite the reduction in funding.

Parent Survey - You said, we will...

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. We were delighted by the overwhelmingly positive feedback and your many kind comments about our staff, the nurturing environment we provide and the opportunities available to our children. Your support means a great deal to us.

As always, we carefully considered all of your suggestions. Below are some of the key themes that emerged and the actions we are taking.

You said...

You would like a better understanding of what your child is learning throughout the year and how you can support them at home.

We will...

Reintroduce half-termly class curriculum overviews. These will outline the key learning for the half term for each class and provide ideas for how you can support your child's learning at home.

You said...

There have been frustrations with some aspects of our administration systems, particularly making payments through Arbor.

We will...

Continue to review our processes and work with Arbor to ensure we are using the system as effectively as possible. We are also exploring alternative ways for parents to make payments.

You said...

The current school meal booking system, particularly the need to log in separately to order packed lunches, is frustrating.

We will...

We completely understand these frustrations and are actively exploring alternative systems that will make ordering meals simpler and more user-friendly. While this work is ongoing, we appreciate your patience and understanding. From September, packed lunches will not need to be recorded, just school dinners. If parents do not book a school lunch, parents will have to bring one in.

You said...

The weekly newsletter can be difficult to read on mobile phones.

We will...

Review how we present our newsletter from the new school year, with the aim of making it more accessible and easier to read across all devices, particularly on mobile phones. Letters will be clearly labelled with relevant Year groups too.

Thank you once again for your feedback and kind comments. Listening to our families helps us to continually improve, and we look forward to sharing further developments with you throughout the year.

Forest school 2026-2027

Thank you to those of you who paid for forest school this term and apologies if the link to pay was difficult to find.
(ctd over leaf)

Values Award

Rewarding all those who demonstrate our values of kindness, respect and resilience.

Class 1

Class 1 for showing resilience, kindness and respect on our pirate day. Everyone worked hard throughout the day.

Class 2

Class 2 for showing resilience, kindness and respect on our pirate day. Everyone worked hard throughout the day.

Class 3

Frankie for displaying all of our school values all of the time.

Class 4

All of Year 5 for making us so proud with such performances in the school production.

Class 5

All of Class 5 for a fabulous production of Gogglebox.

House Points

Larks 139

Martins 152

Swifts 137

Congratulations to the

Martins!

Attendance this week:

Class 1 98.9% Well Done!

Class 2 92.9%

Class 3 93.2%

Class 4 97.8%

Class 5 89.6%

**Whole School Attendance
this year: 94.5%**

Coming Up

Monday 13th July

- Chess - Lunchtime

Tuesday 14th July

- Dodgeball - lunchtime
- Summer Sports (KS1&KS2)

Wednesday 15th July

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

Thursday 16th July

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Cheerleading
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- French (KS1&KS2)
- Drums / Guitar Lessons

Friday 17th July

- Piano Lessons



(Head's update continued)

Parent funding covers 25% of the cost with the remaining found out of school funds. Given this funding from parents, we can commit to continuing forest school next year so thank you again. I look forward to seeing many of you at the fish and chip supper this evening.

Kind regards,

Mrs Laura Whateley

Roblox - Update to In-Game Reporting Tools

Roblox, the most popular game in the world, has been making some pretty big changes over the last few months. Midway through June they announced their new age-based Kids and Select accounts where children are being automatically placed into more specific age categories. Then, over the last few days, Roblox has announced big new changes to in-game reporting tools.

Users have always been able to report within Roblox, but it can often be quite complex finding a specific category, which is why some children don't bother reporting at all. But Roblox have now stated that this process has been simplified so that questions are automatically adapted based on the type of report, skipping any irrelevant question and making the reporting process much better.

If your child uses Roblox, please ensure they have created an account with accurate age settings to be able to access the security services. It's also vital that parents and carers closely monitor the content children are accessing. Roblox is a notorious platform for grooming and child abuse so these enhanced settings are a step in the right direction.

Dates up until end of Summer term

Date	Event
Fri 10th July	Fish, chips and fizz auction evening
Mon 13th July 9.30	KS2 Swimming Gala (9.30am start, parents welcome, Leighton Leisure and community centre, LU73SS). Please consent on Arbor.
Weds 15th 10.30	New class move round including new children and N and R
Weds 15th July	End of Year church service—please don't park in front of the village hall
Mon 20th July	Y6 celebration afternoon
Weds 22nd July 9.15	Y6 leavers' assembly. Please don't park at village hall Last day of term 1.30pm collection
Sat 1st Aug 2.00-4.00	Make, Bake and Grow Show

Proposed 20mph speed limit in Long Marston

If you would like to contribute to the consultation on a proposed 20mph speed limit in Wilstone, Gubblecote and Long Marston, please add your comments via this link. This is a fantastic opportunity to keep our children safe around the villages. Click [here](#) for more information.

Make, Bake and Grow Show

The Long Marston Make, Bake and Grow Show is being held in the village hall again this year on 1st August. Details of how to enter can be found [here](#). Mr Dean (one of our governors) will be in school next week to explain more to the children.



Reports

Coming home with children are their end of term reports—please check the children's bags.

Red Kite Room Request

If anyone has any cardboard boxes that could be donated the Red Kite room staff would be very grateful. Thanks in advance.



Air Conditioning Appeal

Please find the link to our Air Con appeal below. After another hot week, we feel that these will be vital going forward to be able to continue productive teaching and learning in heat extremes. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

[Help Keep our Classrooms Cool - Go Fund Me](#)

Meal Choices

Please can you make sure that you have made food choices for your child on Arbor for the rest of term.

End of term

The last day of term will be Wednesday 22nd July with a 1.30pm collection.



Swimming Gala
Monday 13th July

